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| The MAILING DATE f this communication appears on the cover short with the correspondence address Period for Reply  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Status   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 Ju   | ly 2003.   |                                    |  |  |  |
|  | action is non-final.                                   |                                    |  |  |  |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Disposition of Claims  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.  6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.  7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Application Papers   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>28 July 2003</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)□ objected to by the Examiner.  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Attachment(s)  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)     Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)     Paper No(s)/Mail Date   | Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5) Notice of Informal Pa 6) Other: | te·<br>atent Application (PTO-152) |  |  |  |

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's reissue application of U.S. Patent 6,256,603 containing claims 1-6.

#### **Drawings**

2. The copy of formal drawings corresponding to those filed in U.S. Patent 6,256,603 has been reviewed and approved.

## Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 251

- 3. The reissue declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.63(b), 37 CFR 1.175, and MPEP § 1414) because of the following reasons:
- 3.1 The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414.

A reissue application is not suitable for the consideration of art. Applicants are suggested to either: (a) request a certificate of correction, or (b) file a reexamination application if Applicants believe the art raises a substantial new issue of patentability.

3.2 Claims 1-6 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as set forth above.

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The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

### Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Samuel Broda, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3709. The Examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Kevin Teska, can be reached at (571) 272-3716. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist, whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

SAMUEL BRODA, ESQ. PRIMARY EXAMINER